

REMARKS

The above-noted amendments to the Abstract, Specification and claims 1-13 are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.


The above-noted amendments are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly claim the subject matter which applicant considers to constitute his inventive contribution in accordance with the requirements of U.S. practice. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The present invention relates to an apparatus~~ Apparatus for separating steam from a mixture of steam and ~~fibres~~fibers is disclosed, comprising an elongated feeding compartment (12) having an inlet and a feeding means ~~(10)~~ device for feeding a mixture through ~~said the~~ inlet. The feeding means ~~device~~ comprises a tubular section (18) ~~which is curved such that the mixture in the tubular section (18) is separated during~~ under the influence of centrifugal forces in a heavy steam-less fraction of ~~fibres~~fibers in a outer layer (20) ~~and in a light fibre~~fiber-free fraction of steam in a inner layer ~~(22)~~. The tubular section is arranged in such a way that a heavy fraction of ~~fibres~~fibers is fed through the inlet peripherally ~~(P)~~. The separated light fraction of steam is fed against the ~~centre~~ ~~(C)~~ center of the compartment and removed through an outlet ~~(23,24)~~ of the apparatus. ~~The present invention also relates to a feeding means (10) for use in an apparatus as defined above and a method.~~